

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION PROGRAMS

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| GRANT PROGRAMS | | | | | | | | | |
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| Program Name | Eligible Applicants | Eligible Projects | Local Match Required? | Planning Costs Covered? | Amount of Funds Available Per Project | Ranking Criteria | Funding Cycle (Deadline) | Special Requirements & Additional Information | Program Contact |
| Montana Coal Board (Established 1975, the seven-member independent Board is attached to the Department for administrative purposes.) | Counties & Municipalities, School Districts, State Agencies, Special Districts, Water/Sewer Districts, Federally-recognized Indian Tribes | Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Systems, Schools, Hospitals, Assisted Living Centers, Food Banks, Road or Fire Equipment | Yes | Yes, priority on grants for community planning and preliminary engineering and architectural plans. | Total of \$2 million available for 2008-2009. No limitations on grant requests, but typically no more than half of total project cost. Project cost estimates are reviewed by Board. | Five funding criteria: Planning, Need, Severity of Impact, Availability of Funds, and Degree of Local Effort. | Continuous cycle, applications due one month prior to quarterly board meetings. | Applicants must represent areas experiencing or likely to experience impacts from coal-related development or decline. | Vacant, Administrative Officer Montana Coal Board Department of Commerce 301 So. Park Avenue PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406) 841-2782 e-mail: lstangland@mt.gov |
| Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Established 1982) Public Facility Grants, Housing and Neighborhood Renewal Grants, and Planning Grants | Incorporated Cities and Towns, and Counties under 50,000 population. Note: Counties may apply on behalf of Water/Sewer Districts and Tribal Utility Authorities. Local governments may also apply on behalf of non-profit organizations. | Public Facilities - Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste Systems, Senior Centers, Head Start Centers, Shelters for abused persons, Hospitals, Housing -Rehabilitation, First Time Home Buyers Assistance, Removal of Blight. | Yes, at least 25% local match for public facility projects unless financial hardship. No match required for housing projects. Planning grants require 50% match. | No reimbursement for costs incurred prior to grant award. Costs associated with engineering and grant administration are eligible. | For federal FY 2007, Montana received \$6,935,714. * One-third set aside for economic development projects \$2,209,000 *\$225,000 for Planning Grants *\$1,006,423 for Housing Grants *\$3,187,006 for Public Facility Grants Maximum \$450,000 grant for public facility and housing grants. Maximum \$15,000 for planning grants. | Seven ranking criteria: Community Planning and Needs Assessment, Need for Project, Project Concept and Technical Design, Community Efforts, Need for Financial Assistance, Benefit to Low and Moderate Income, and Implementation and Management. | Annual grant competitions for Housing, Public Facilities, and Planning Grants. Contact the Program for application due dates. | At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a CDBG project must be low or moderate income persons. | Gus Byrom, CDBG Manager Housing and Public Facilities Department of Commerce 301 So. Park Avenue PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406) 841-2777 e-mail: gbyrom@mt.gov |
| Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Grants (Established 1992) a. Construction Grants b. Preliminary Engineering Grants c. Emergency Grants | Incorporated Cities & Towns, Counties, Consolidated Governments, County Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Districts, and Federally-recognized Tribal Governments | Drinking Water Systems, Wastewater Treatment, Sanitary or Storm Sewers, Solid Waste Systems, and Bridges | a. Yes, typically 50%, which can include other grants. b. Yes, 50% match required c. No, but maximum local participation required. | No reimbursement for any costs incurred prior to grant award. Preliminary engineering and grant writing expenses incurred up to two years prior to application submittal may count towards match requirement. | Funds available through the 2007 Session *\$17.3 million for projects *\$600,000 for planning grants *\$100,000 for emergency grants a. Maximum \$750,000 grant per project. b. Maximum \$15,000. c. Typically, no more than \$30,000. | a. Seven ranking criteria: Health and Safety Problems, Financial Need, Technical Design, Planning and Management, Other Funding for the Project, Economic Development, and Community Support. b. & c. Not Applicable – Grants are not competitive. | a. Applications are due first week in May in even numbered years. b. Applications accepted after March 30th in odd numbered years and awarded in May or until appropriation is gone. c. Apply anytime. | a. Applicants must have user rates, upon completion of the project, at or above their "target rate" to be recommended for a grant. Funding approved by the Legislature. b. For preliminary engineering studies only; not for final design. c. Available only for emergency projects that cannot be delayed until legislative approval can be obtained. | Jim Edgcomb, TSEP Manager Department of Commerce 301 So. Park Avenue PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406) 841-2785 e-mail: jedgcomb@mt.gov |
| NON-GRANT PROGRAMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Program Name | | Purpose | | | | Assistance Provided | | | Program Contact |
| Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) (Established 1967) | | Provides technical assistance in community planning, subdivision regulation, zoning and capital improvements planning to fulfill the statutory directive to aid and encourage the "orderly, productive, and coordinated development of the communities of the state." | | | | Assists county and municipal governments and their local planning boards and planning staff, private land owners, developers, surveyors, and engineers with planning and land development issues. An attorney and a senior planner provide guidance regarding the state's laws and current best practices in implementing Montana's growth policy, subdivision, and zoning statutes. | | | Jerry Grebenc, CTAP Manager Department of Commerce 301 So. Park Avenue PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406)841-2598 e-mail: jgrebenc@mt.gov |
| Hard Rock Mining Impact Board (HRMI) (Established 1981) The independent Board is attached to the Department for administrative purposes only. | | Five-member citizen board, appointed by the Governor, administers the Hard Rock Mining Impact Act and the Property Tax Base Sharing Act. The Department of Commerce passes through HRMI Trust Account Funds to counties where funds originated from. | | | | Works with hard rock mine developers and potentially impacted local governments to assure that adequate government services and facilities will be available to serve large-scale hard rock mining projects without burdening local taxpayers. The Board oversees the preparation of impact plans by mine developers and affected local governments, which must be prepared as part of the mine permitting process. The Board also mediates any disputes between the mine developer and the affected communities regarding the proposed mitigation measures and financial assistance to be provided to local government entities | | | Vacant, Administrative Officer Hard Rock Mining Impact Board Department of Commerce 301 So. Park Avenue PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406)841-2782 e-mail: lstangland@mt.gov |